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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Acting Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: Carl W. Ford, Jr.
National Intelligence Officer for East Asia

SUBJECT: SNIE 56-2-87: Political Crisis in the Philippines:
A National Agenda for Action

1. Attached is the precoordination draft of SNIE 56-2-87: Political Crisis in the Philippines: A National Agenda for Action. It was prepared by [redacted] of the Office East Asian Analysis under the auspices of the National Intelligence Officer for East Asia. As this Estimate is on a fast track, I have sent the draft concurrently to the Senior Review Panel for their comments, and to the NFIB Representatives for their review. I plan to coordinate the Estimate on Monday, 16 November 1987.

2. This Estimate will provide policymakers at the Departments of State and Defense with the unique perspective of what the Intelligence Community believes is necessary to ensure long-term stability in the Philippines and the survival of the Aquino government.

3. During the preparation of the draft I tried to accommodate as many of the Senior Review Panel's concerns as possible. I agree with the SRP that political, social, security and economic concerns are the key factors in the current crisis--and these are addressed at some length in the draft. However, like the DDCI, I believe that Aquino is a central figure to the issue in the Philippine drama and the focus of many questions from policymakers. As a result, I intended this Estimate to focus more on what Aquino, and what her government must do to address long-term fundamental problems facing the Philippines and the linkage between these and Aquino's continued survival in office. I believe that a detailed discussion of the insurgency and other concerns of the SRP are best left to another Estimate.

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